

## NEW YEAR REPORT

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the Trails for Richmond Action Committee. TRAC's mission is to  
"Complete the San Francisco Bay Trail in Richmond ..."*

2005 was a very good year for Richmond's Bay Trail. Not only did construction begin on three trail segments totaling 2.7 miles, but also \$500K in new grants and appropriations were obtained for planning and designing three miles of trail during 2006. Funds were available for these Bay Trail projects because voters approved East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) Measures AA & CC and state park Propositions 28 & 40.

In addition to working to complete the Bay Trail in Richmond, TRAC has spearheaded a campaign to place wayfinding markers and interpretive signs along the trail. To date, 33 panels have been designed and are scheduled for installation in early 2006.

Richmond has 24 miles of completed Bay Trail and 17 miles of gaps remaining in the planned route. Despite gaps, the Bay Trail now links all parks along the City's southern shoreline connecting Point Isabel and Miller/Knox Regional Shorelines via the City's Marina Bay parks.

A breakthrough occurred in 2005 when funds were acquired for planning and design work needed to fill two major gaps. First, ABAG Bay Trail Project awarded a \$143K grant for construction design on two miles of Bay Trail linking Canal Blvd to historic Kaiser Shipyard 3 at Point Potrero. Second, EBRPD appropriated \$350K for Bay Trail planning and design between Wildcat Creek Regional Trail and Point Pinole Regional Shoreline.

The greatest challenge remaining is a gap of almost seven miles between the Plunge and the Point San Pablo Yacht Harbor. The estimated cost of \$12 million is very high due to the I-580 corridor and Chevron lands blocking access to the Point San Pablo Peninsula.

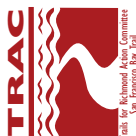
The map on the other side of this report highlights all current Richmond Bay Trail projects. To join the Richmond Bay Trail Network and receive periodic updates, email [tracbaytrail@earthlink.net](mailto:tracbaytrail@earthlink.net). Log on to the Richmond Convention and Visitors Bureau's new web site at <http://rcvb-ca.com/baytrail.htm> for a wealth of information about Richmond's Bay Trail and shoreline parks.

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